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JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS BY IFFCO
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects conceived by the IFFCO with other countries at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that joint projects in Tunisia and Iran for Acid and Ammonia are pending finalization since long;

(c) if so, the present position of these two projects; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government for early finalisation of these two joint projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a): At present there are two joint venture projects in other countries where IFFCO isone of the Indian sponsors/equity holders. These are, Industries Chimique Du Senegalin Senegal already producing Phosphoric Acid and Oman Indian Fertilizer Company inOman for production of urea which is under implementation.

(b) to (d): IFFCO and Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO), forming an Indianconsortium, had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Qeshm Free AreaAuthority (QFAA) of Iran for setting up a gas based ammonia-urea plant in Iran.The proposal was reviewed by the sponsors in 2001 in the light of market conditions relating to demand-supply scenario and international urea prices and was then not found financially viable. The sponsors have decided to review the techno-economic and environmental feasibility of the alternative option of setting up an ammonia plant on stand-alone basis for which QFAA is conducting an environmental impact assessment.

The proposed joint venture project in Tunisia has been dropped by IFFCO as it was not found to be economically viable.